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To: Bob Schaefer
From: Karen Chandler
Subject: Green Substance in Galloway Creek at the Nature Center
Date: July 3, 1996

On Thursday, June 20, 1996, I received a call from Bob Schaefer about the creek at the Nature Center. He said Dave Catlin had called him to say that the creek looked green yesterday. Bob asked me to look at the creek and the spring at Sequiota Park to see if the green substance looked like dye. I went to the Nature Center and talked to Dave Catlin about what he saw. He said that visitors to the park noticed the green in the creek and reported it to them about 6:00 p.m. yesterday evening. I looked at Sequiota Spring and it was clear, with no odor. I followed the creek down to the Nature Center and it looked normal. I walked down the trail at the Nature Center by the creek, but couldn't see anything out of the ordinary. I also looked at the creek below the Center and it looked normal. I called Bob Schaefer and told him what I saw.

I called Dave Catlin back in the afternoon and told him what I had found. He said Dave Ratterree looked at the creek yesterday evening after visitors had reported the green water and took a water sample at this time. They also called the MDNR office and reported it yesterday evening. Mr. Catlin said he would be back in the office on Tuesday. I asked Wayne Latimer if he could pick up the sample at the Nature Center on Friday morning and look at it under the black light. Wayne checked the water sample but it was not fluorescent. On July 3, 1996 I called Dave Catlin to tell him the water sample wasn't fluorescent. I asked if DNR had found out anything and he said they never got back to him.



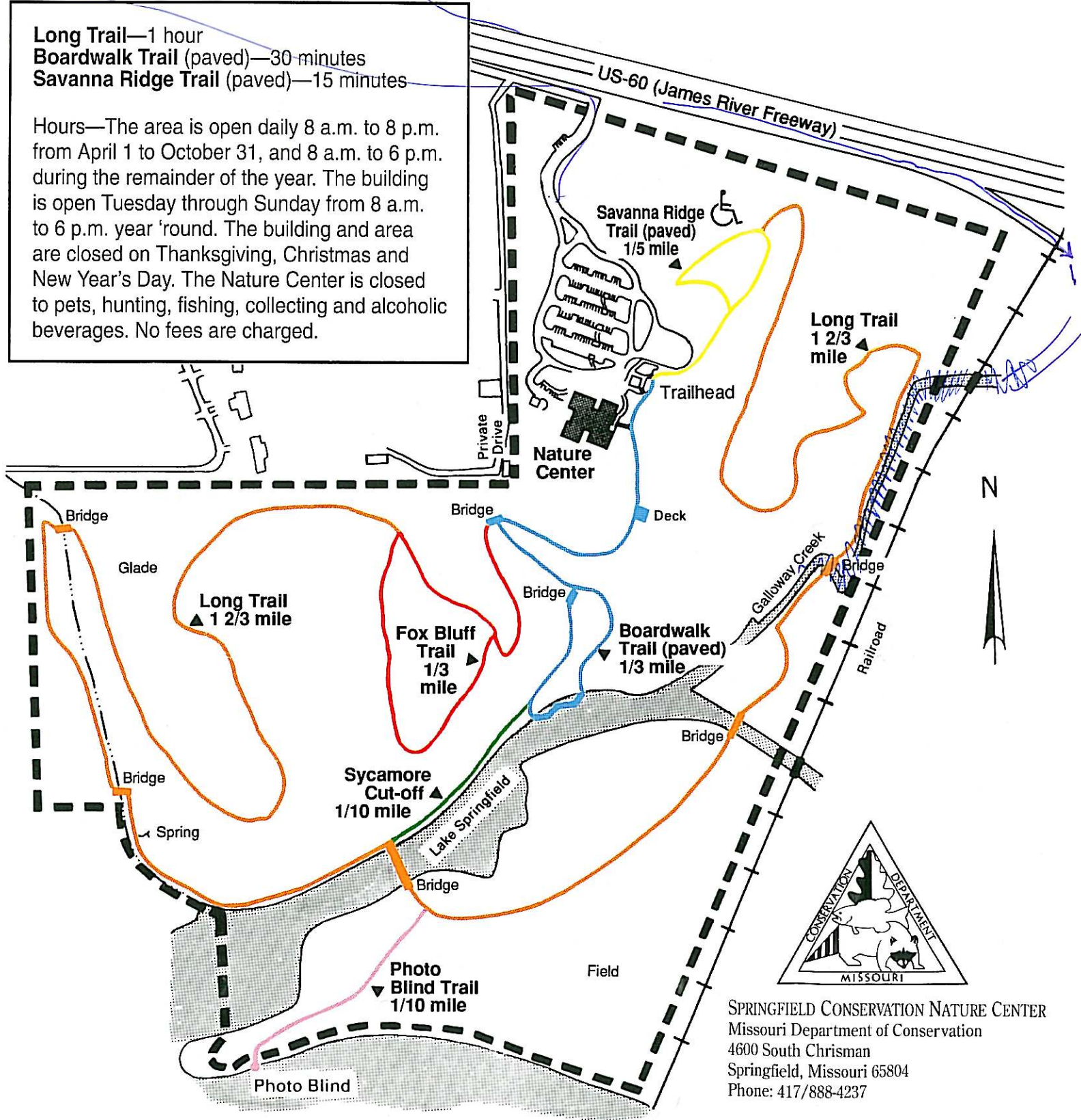
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Springfield Conservation Nature Center Trails

Long Trail—1 hour
Boardwalk Trail (paved)—30 minutes
Savanna Ridge Trail (paved)—15 minutes

Hours—The area is open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from April 1 to October 31, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the remainder of the year. The building is open Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. year 'round. The building and area are closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The Nature Center is closed to pets, hunting, fishing, collecting and alcoholic beverages. No fees are charged.



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